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SUBJECT: EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT PRESIDENT'S INTEREST IN SEEING THE
PRESIDENT

1. VAN HAEVERBEKE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT'S BRUSSELS
INFORMATION OFFICE VISITED ME JANUARY 17 UNDER INSTRUCTIONS
TO SAY THAT GEORGES SPENALE, PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN
PARLIAMNET, WOULD LIKE TO VISIT WASHINGTON WITHIN THE NEXT
FEW WEEKS TO PAY A BRIEF COURTESY CALL ON PRESIDENT CARTER.
SPENALE'S RATIONALE IS THAT PARLIAMENT PRESIDENT, WHO RANKS
FIRST IN EC IN PROTOCOL TERMS, SHOULD BE AMONG FIRST EUROPEAN
VISITORS TO WHITE HOUSE. IN RESPONSE, I TOLD VAN HAEVERBEKE
THAT WHILE WE HAVE HIGH REGARD FOR PRESIDENT SPENALE AND THAT IN
PRINCIPLE THE IDEA WAS A GOOD ONE, I COULD GIVE HIM NO
ENCOURAGEMENT THAT AN EARLY CALL AT THE WHITE HOUSE WOULD
BE POSSIBLE. I ADDED THAT I WOULD REPORT SPENALE'S REQUEST
TO WASHINGTON.

2. I BELIEVE THAT AT A CONVENIENT TIME SOMEWHAT LATER
THIS YEAR IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO ARRANGE A CALL ON THE
PRESIDENT BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT PRESIDENT. WITH
DIRECT ELECTIONS TO PARLIAMENT BY UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE
SCHEDULED FOR MAY/JUNE, 1978, THE PRESIDENT'S
WILLINGNESS TO RECEIVE HIM WOULD SYMBOLIZE THE
IMPORTANCE THE U.S. ATTACHES TO THE PROGRESS OF
PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY IN UNITING EUROPE. A SPENALE
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VISIT IS, HOWEVER, OF LOWER PRIORITY FOR USEC THAN
JENKINS' OFFICIAL VISIT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: I WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON
HOW FURTHER TO RESPOND TO SPENALE. I WOULD LIKE TO
REPLY THAT AN EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO ARRANGE A CALL
ON THE PRESIDENT LATER THIS YEAR, AT A MUTUALLY

AGREEABLE TIME.HINTON

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